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1. MINISTRY FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) HAS BEEN INFORMED OF CHANGE OF ARRIVAL DATE OF DELEGATION TO JUNE 20 AND OF ADDITION OF STUART ALLAN TO DELEGATION. HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE BEING CHANGED ACCORDINGLY.

2. MFT OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR DELEGATION DURING FIRST PART OF MAY. EMBASSY'S EXPERIENCE WITH GOB IS, HOWEVER, THAT ANYTHING APPROACHING A CONCRETE SCHEDULE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING DELEGATION'S ACTUAL ARRIVAL IN SOFIA. ALTHOUGH RESULTING UNCERTAINTY IS DISQUIETING, LAST MINUTE GOB CONCENTRATION USUALLY PRODUCES ADEQUATE AND SATISFACTORY PROGRAM.

3. AS REGARDS REF B, EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE IT CAN. POLITICAL/ ECONOMIC OFFICER JOSEPH E. LEE AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER WILLIAM G. BLACK WILL BE COORDINATING WITH GOB HOSTS, AND BLACK HOPES TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION ON MOST OF ITS CALLS. BRIEFING UPON ARRIVAL WILL OF COURSE BE PROVIDED.

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4. UNFORTUNATELY EMBASSY CANNOT OFFER LOGISTICAL SUPPORT IN FORM OF OFFICE SPACE IN CHANCELLERY OR TRANSPORTATION. WE ASSUME DELEGATION HAS FUNDS FOR LATTER AS NECESSARY AND EMBASSY WILL MAKE ANY REQUIRED ARRANGEMENTS. SECRETARIAL AND TRANSLATING OR INTERPRETING ASSISTANCE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE WILL ALSO BE VERY LIMITED. THESE CONSTRUCTIONS ARE IMPOSED BY SMALL SIZE OF EMBASSY STAFF AND INADEQUATE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO US. TO EXTENT SPECIFIC LOGISTIC NEEDS ARE KNOWN, PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS.

5. EMBASSY WILL ASSIST IN PLANNING SOCIAL EVENT TO RECIPROCATATE GOB HOSPITALITY, BUT WE MUST WARN THAT ANYTHING OF SIZE REQUIRING USE OF HOTEL OR RESTAURANT BECOMES EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE HERE. RECENT LUNCHEON GIVEN BY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ COST \$27.50 PER PERSON. WE WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING EVENT AFTER OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN LITTLE ABOUT WHAT GOB HOSTS PLAN. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF IN MEANTIME DELEGATION COULD GIVE US INDICATION OF SIZE OF ITS REPRESENTATIONAL BUDGET FOR SOFIA.
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